

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. I have it on the highest _____ that the lead in the play has been chosen.
2. I am going to _____ my brother to become a lawyer.
3. Uncle Sam is the well-known _____ of the United States.
4. We pay \$5 a month to keep our house free from _____.
5. When a country is _____, it does not want to get involved in foreign conflict.*
6. What type of art work do you _____ to be beautiful?
7. The _____ lion clawed at the visitors to the zoo.
8. To hear the _____ of a person in sorrow is to hear a dismal* sound.
9. Only a _____ of Ivan's fortune was left to his human beneficiaries;* most of the money was given to his cats.
10. I _____ people who are jealous* of my success.
11. The unpleasant salesgirl always had a _____ on her face.
12. My father warned me not to _____ at our poor relatives.

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Synonyms. Circle the word that most nearly expresses the meaning of the word printed in heavy black type.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. encourage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. evade* b. approach* c. reassure d. cuddle 2. neutral <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. impartial b. reckless c. abundant* d. bulky 3. scowl <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. alter* b. forbid* c. frown d. complicate 4. consider <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. think over b. assume responsibility c. issue orders d. accept a challenge* 5. fierce <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. massive* b. sinister* c. savage d. coarse 6. detest <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. abolish* b. hate c. baffle* d. ignore* | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. authority <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. opinion b. valuable skill c. deciding factor d. power to act 8. symbol <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. image b. concealed* evidence* c. absurdity* d. sacred* object 9. trifle <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. fragile* glass b. flexible* hours c. small amount d. ignorant statement 10. vermin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. small and troublesome animals b. boring and disappointing movies c. curious readers d. crafty* clients* 11. sneer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. scornful look b. gallant* gesture c. sinister* act d. rude interruption 12. wail <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. calm down b. cry loud and long c. go forward d. break even |
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Spotlight on: **symbol**—Our civilization is quite dependent upon symbols. Without them, the world would be drab and dull indeed. The very words we use are merely symbols for the things and ideas they represent. Symbols are used in language, writing, logic, mathematics, science, religion, trade, and sports. Find a symbol for each of the fields mentioned.